

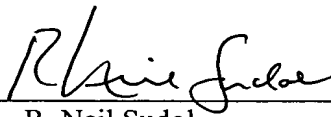
## REMARKS

Claims 1 through 9 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 are the only independent claims. The present amendment is submitted to remove multiple dependant claims, conform spelling and grammar to current patent practice, and to reduce the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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